GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:296
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2016
Removal from Prior Referral Category
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to remove China from the prior referral category for issuing research visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;

(c) the number of Chinese research scholars who are going to be benefitted by this move;

(d) whether Prior referral category will still be applicable to Chinese citizens seeking business or employment visas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.
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(d) & (e): For the purpose of grant of Business Visa, China is not in the Prior Reference Category (PRC) list. However, for the purpose of grant of Employment Visa, China is in the PRC list.